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Davis Meeting House Celebrates Major Revitalization at 5th Anniversary Dedication



Suffolk County Legislator presents a Proclamation to Lester H. Davis III and his family for his support of his former residence, the Davis Meeting House.

CORAM, NY – On Saturday, April 30th, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker joined the Davis Town Meeting House Society to celebrate its 5th Anniversary. The celebration included historical reenactments by local volunteers including a 21 gun salute and a presentation of historical costumes by society members. Remarks by Davis Town Meeting House Society President Maryanne Douglas welcomed Davis family members including Lester H. Davis III and his family. Government officials and community leaders including, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker, New York State Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine, Coram Civic Association President Erma Gluck and Middle Island Civic Association President Gail Lynch-Bailey gave tribute to the efforts made to preserve the historical home.

“I thank the many volunteers and government agencies that have supported the preservation and revitalization of this historical gem. The Davis Town Meeting House Society has work diligently and their hard work has paid off, but there’s still more work to do,” said Legislator Anker. “I encourage residents to participate in the many events that the society sponsors to raise funds and awareness of the historical home, which not only compliments the Coram community but provides a glimpse back in time for our children to experience.”

The Davis Meeting House, built in 1750, was used as Brookhaven Town’s government seat from 1790 to 1884. In 1999 Lester H. Davis III, sold the house and land to the Town of Brookhaven. He and his family, who currently live out of state, were present for the ceremonies. Mr. Davis was the last family member to inhabitant of the Davis House. During his residency he kept 140 cows on the property to maintain a dairy business. Restoration efforts are almost completed for the structure’s exterior, but there are continuing efforts to fundraise and repair the interior. For more information, please visit <http://www.davistownmeetinghouse.org/>.

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